

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the section entitled "Abstract" of the specification with the enclosed replacement abstract.

A Secure File Distribution Network (SFDN) method and computer system ~~that~~ allows copyrighted digital works to be sold securely by independent sales parties. ~~The system referred to as the Secure File Distribution Network (SFDN), and~~ ensures that all creators and distributors of the ~~copyrighted digital data work~~ are paid all royalties and fees owed to them, regardless of who is selling the ~~copyrighted digital data work and without damaging their fair use rights~~. ~~The VA A verification authority tracks is responsible for keeping track~~ all buyers, sellers and ~~merchantable digital~~ works being traded on the file sales network. ~~A merchantable work is described as any copyrighted digital work that is being sold on the file sales network. The VA is responsible for matching matches~~ buyers with sellers, and ~~providing provides~~ a digital works search service for users of the system ~~so that merchantable works can be found easily~~. Once a ~~merchantable digital~~ work is located in a desired media format, and at an attractive price, a buyer and seller can negotiate a secure transaction. Once the ~~secure~~ transaction is completed using the SFDN, (ie: a buyer has the digital media purchased), the ~~VA verification authority will distribute~~ ~~distributes~~ payments to the seller and all creators involved in a particular work. Thus a considerably ~~more useful file distribution and royalty disbursement system provides the SFDN provides content creators creator~~ security in earning a living ~~from creative works~~ while not impinging on consumer's consumer fair use rights.

**Figures**